THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) The available information is as given below:

I. *Provident Fund dues*: The establishment has paid the dues upto June, 1990.

II. *ESI dues*. The estblishment has paid the dues upto June, 1990 except the contribution amounting to Rs. 6499 on account of omitted wages which was detected during inspection of records. A demand letter has been issued for recover of this amount.

(c) Does not arise.

Violation of Labour Laws in Public Sector

1208. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item under the caption "Public Sector flouts labour laws" which appeared in the Sunday Observer dated the 15th July, 1990; and

(b) if so, what action was taken against the employers for violation of labour laws and to ensure that the labour laws are implemented by the employers?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) According to the information received from the Delhi Administration, the Labour Deptt. had carried out several inspections to detect violations of provisions of the Conduct Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970 by the contractors at several construction sites. A number of sites inspected related to construction projects of Public Sector Undertakings. The contractors concerned were directed to rectify the violations of the Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970 committed by them. Prosecutions have since been launched against those contractors who failed to rectify the violations in spite of opportunity given to them.

Reservation for the Handicapped Persons in Services

1209. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the reservation of jobs for the handicapped including the mentally handicapped persons, to enable them to lead a life with dignity; if so, the details in this regard; and

(b) what is the estimated number of persons in the country who are mentally handicapped; and what steps are being taken to identify such of them as are capable of carrying out different types of jobs?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) 3 per cent vacancies, 1 percent each for the blind, deaf and orthopaedically handicapped have been reserved in Group C and D posts in Central Government offices and comparable posts/services in Central Sector undertakings. There is no proposal under consideration to increase the reservation in Group C and D posts. However, the matter for reservation of posts for physically handicapped in Group A and B is under examination.

(b) No reliable statistics are available regarding mentally retarded persons in the country. The work of rehabilitation which includes identification is done by a network of Vocational Rehabilitation Centres and Voluntary Organisations.